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1. The Political Police of Budapest are now regularly sending officers and FOCs into Austria to check on Jewish emigration and on the flight of Hungarian Nazis through emigration channels.

2. Surprisingly enough, they come here unofficially and are using the illegal Jewish convoys to arrive in Vienna.

3. Twice a month a first lieutenant of the Political Police arrives here to collect reports from his informants about the two subjects mentioned above.

4. On 25 April 1946, two officers of the Political Police (names unknown) arrived here in an illegal Jewish transport, spent the night in an American hotel in the Währinger Strasse and disappeared the next morning. They were known to have Paris as their destination. They had in their possession two bulging portfolios with papers. All searches to apprehend and interrogate the two officers were futile.

5. All members of the Political Police on official or unofficial business generally lodge in Vienna at the hotel "Zum Heiligen Stephan" at No. 10 Schuler Strasse, Vienna I or at the new Hungarian Consulate in the Bankstrasse, Vienna IX, where a number of rooms have been fitted as dormitories.

6. On Sunday 5 May 1946, CONDUCTOR's boys in the Rothschild Hospital apprehended a first lieutenant (name unknown) of the Hungarian Political Police who officially came to investigate a political murder committed in Rechnitz on the border zone between Hungary and Austria. The victim, a well-known Communist functionary, was killed by two men in Russian uniforms who fled. One of the men was later shot by the first lieutenant in question. He had been assured that the other murderer was now hiding in the Rothschild hospital. With the help of the Staatspolizei in Vienna, he checked through the files of the DP camps and could ascertain that the alleged murderer had left Vienna. After this he began questioning the DPs on all matters of emigration, personalities running the emigration movement, frequency of the transports, routes taken and borders crossed. At this moment he

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and the three officers of the Staatspolizei were prevented in their interrogations by CONDUCTOR's men and ejected from the hospital. DD110 talked unofficially with the Hungarian police officer who admitted that his mission was not entirely the investigation of the murder, but the investigation of illegal emigration and that he had arrived in Vienna as a member of an illegal Jewish transport and wanted to contact very much his informant, one Sarah OVITS, who is living as a DP in the Rothschild Hospital.

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